UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REGION 18

WDC ACQUISITION, LLC

and

District Lodge 6, International Association of Machinists

And

USW/AFL-CIO/CLC and USW GMP Counsel 17B

Case No. 18-CA-220488 18-CA-224086 18-CA-224176 18-CA-235532 18-CA-238129 18-CA-238193 18-CA-238883

Respondent's Request to file Reply to Post Hearing Brief

WDC Acquisition, LLC respectfully requests the Court to exercise its discretion and permit reply briefs. As noted in the Bench Book, "the trial judge has the discretion to ask for [replies], or grant a motion for leave to file them, in an appropriate case. See *Gallup, Inc.*, 349 NLRB 1213, 1217 (2007), and cases cited there." Bench Book at 165. WDC sought agreement from General Counsel who declined without reasoning, notwithstanding WDC's willingness to consent to its request to delay the post-hearing briefing schedule and motion to address the record/transcript.

Here, the parties participated in three days of testimony and the General Counsel filed a 43+ brief seeking any number of findings against WDC such as adverse inferences, new legal theories, and cumulative remedies. This is the appropriate case to permit reply briefing. For example, the General Counsel apparently argues that alleged statements from a successor forfeits *Burns* rights but the insidious actions of discriminatory refusal to hire are not actions followed by a forfeiture of *Burns* rights. WDC believes it is important that the parties are entitled to brief these matters and a reply is appropriate.

Further, due to the extension sought by General Counsel, the parties are on the eve of the holiday season and therefore seek an extended deadline for a reply due to those circumstances. WDC respectfully requests until January 13, 2020 to submit a reply.

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